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Acting Assistant Director for Operations

11 April 1956

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for March 1956

OPERATIONS

1. Publicity given to U.S. monitoring in Cyprus by a Cairo newspaper in connection with a British diplomatic protest against alleged inflammatory "Voice of Arabs" broadcasts, drew an expression of concern from the BBC Monitoring Service.

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2. The African reception survey recommended by the Inspector General will be carried out through field tests, after which consumer reaction will be solicited. VOA has agreed to make its facilities in Tangier available to an FBIS reception survey team for this purpose.

3. The practice of informing the DD(I) and the principal interested intelligence offices about forthcoming FBIS propaganda reports requiring lengthy research, and of inviting comment and suggestions, was initiated. Prospectuses of reports on Soviet concepts related to nuclear stalemate, and on the position of Khrushchev and other leaders with respect to the deglorification of Stalin were furnished.

4. Twelve hundred copies of the FBID report on Moscow broadcasts on the Twentieth Party Congress reproduced in February were exhausted soon after issuance, and 1000 additional copies are being printed for distribution early in April.

5. Propaganda Reports issued during March reviewed Sino-Soviet propaganda on U.S. racialism, summarized the potentialities of Communist use of overt public media to hoax U.S. intelligence, and presented a compilation of past eulogies of Stalin.

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7. Austrian Bureau is recruiting foreign national translators for Soviet and Satellite press scrutiny. Candidates are being interviewed by London Bureau and in various European cities. Two of the seven positions have been filled to date. Salaries comparable to the new Mediterranean Bureau scale may be necessary to attract qualified people.

8. Following the IG recommendation that Saigon Bureau be closed, principal intelligence consumers in Washington were circularized for their opinion of the value of the material provided by the Saigon Bureau through its own and French monitoring, and press scrutiny. These evaluations were requested by 1 May 1956. Chief, Saigon Bureau was directed to secure similar evaluations from the users of Bureau material in Saigon. In view of uncertainty concerning French monitoring, Saigon Bureau was also directed to investigate availability of additional personnel for possible direct monitoring of programs now provided by the French.

9. FBIS B-wire service will be extended to the Office of Naval Intelligence, at ONI request. Arrangements are being made between ONI and the Department of the Army to provide a tie-in with the existing line to G-2.

10. A crash report on Arabic broadcasting was provided the DD/P as a contribution to a staff study requested by the DCI. The report covered Egyptian facilities and output in particular. A copy was provided the Office of Communications along with supplementary information on Egyptian transmitters. A formal expression of appreciation was received from the FP Staff.

11. At OCI request coverage of Radio Dersa, Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, was extended for sixty days, utilizing 17th Air Force for intercept and recording and East Coast Bureau for processing.

12. Machine indexing of FBIS material was discussed with OCR. To do this with all FBIS material might require an excessive staff for coding and indexing and so clutter Intellex listings as to reduce their utility. The subject is under further study, however, and some experimental indexing may be set up.

13. Puerto Rico cruising tests continued with less favorable results than anticipated. Although large segments of Latin American broadcasts can be cruised, work is hampered by local interference and limited facilities at the Navy station. Some of these conditions could be remedied in a permanent operation. A new receiver will be air-shipped to facilitate monitoring and frequency checking.

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14. The Chief, Senior Research Staff, DD/I, was orientated on FBID propaganda analysis on 1 March. FBID's service was explained, and FBID facilities were offered for research by members of the international communies staff, or where possible by FBID analysts. This staff receives all FBID propaganda analysis reports.

15. FBID commenced furnishing the Latin American Daily Report, Trends and Highlights, Surveys, and Propaganda Reports to the British Embassy through the British Liaison Officer, in response to a request presented by the Embassy on behalf of the Foreign Office. The Foreign Office in turn is providing FBID certain of its reports of interest to Radio Propaganda Branch, through the London Bureau. RBC was informed and the arrangements may be cancelled if there are RBC objections.

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17. Monitoring Coverages:

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B. Adjustment by NCHA of English morsecasts from Peking has improved West Coast reception and enabled Okinawa to be relieved of primary responsibility for this coverage.

C. Saigon Bureau is covering new Hanoi broadcasts to Vietnamese mountain tribes in the Jarai, Rhodes, Bahnar, and Koko languages, with part-time monitors.

18. Office of Communications has been negotiating with Communications Service Division with regard to reducing relay delays due to garbles in FBIS traffic. Signal Corps procedures require that garbled messages be held at relay points pending receipt of corrections, but FBIS prefers that such messages not be delayed. Negotiations have been ineffectual and higher level action may be advisable.

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19. Office of Communications agreed to accept FBID requirements for direction-finding on a time available basis, although O/C capability is limited. Initially all requirements for Far Eastern and European-West Asian targets will be channeled through the Tokyo and German Bureaus respectively.

20. At a meeting with the BBC at Caversham in which FBID was represented by the Deputy Chief, FBID and the Assistant Chief, Mediterranean Bureau, it was agreed that the Arabic monitoring capacity of the Mediterranean Bureau should be increased to provide reserve capacity for covering crises in the Middle East. Increase of two Arabic monitors on the foreign national staff has been recommended to Management Staff.

FACILITIES

21. Construction:

A. Okinawa housing under Project DD/I-172-55 has been completed and occupied. The contract for the final phase of the Okinawa housing construction program, under Project DD/I-158-56, was awarded to an Okinawan contractor at \$130,643, on 28 March 1956.

B. Project DD/I-168-56 for construction of four duplex houses in Hokkaido was approved by PRC. Contracting will be arranged through the American Embassy in Tokyo.

C. Tokyo Bureau was authorized to install air conditioners at an approximate cost of \$1500.

D. Mediterranean Bureau was authorized to improve its air circulating system at an approximate cost of \$2300, as a substitute for air conditioning.

22. Okinawa Bureau's request to OKED for reconsideration of increases in rental on the Bolo Point antennae field has not yet been answered. In the meantime, Okinawa Bureau is exploring the feasibility and consistency with USCAR policy of releasing the antennae land to the owners and retaining pole right agreements similar to those in effect in Cyprus.

ADMINISTRATION

23. During March, eight employees resigned, three transferred to other components and two entered on duty with FBID. FBID classified personnel on duty at the end of the month totalled

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24. A revised FBID Table of Organization was prepared and submitted. The proposal would reduce the Division T/O to [] positions, against which the final ceiling may be applied.

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25. A proposed allocation of [] FBID ceiling positions among the components of the Division was referred to Branch Chiefs, Staff Officers, and Bureau Chiefs, whose comments were invited on the effect of these restrictions on their activities. []

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26. The non-American Table of Organization of the Hokkaido Bureau was increased by one foreign national cruising monitor position.

Austrian was only 11 releases
27. Increases in foreign national wage scales were authorized for the Mediterranean and Austrian² Bureaus. The former was needed to meet increases in local costs of living, and the latter to provide inducement to qualified persons for Vienna press scrutiny.

28. The Deputy Chief and the Chief Engineer, FBID, completed their inspections of overseas bureaus. A separate report was submitted

29. Training:

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a. Nineteen per cent of the FBID Headquarters editorial staff is now engaged in full-time training, and twenty-eight per cent are engaged in full or part-time training.

b. Arrangements were completed with O/TR for a special effective writing session for FBID. In addition to nine FBID participants, two FDD, and three OOC employees are enrolled in this course.

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Enclosures:

- I Field Production
- II Personnel Supplement
- III Special Requirements

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, March 1956.
(Averages computed on basis of 5-day week)

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Austria	4	2,700*	13*	6*
East Coast	93	22,200	128	53
German	23½	13,600*	56*	45*
Hokkaido	13	8,100	58	56
London	231	61,000	120	131**
Mediterranean	63½	13,600	294½	256
Okinawa	129	36,000	100	87
Saigon	26	6,650*	17*	10*
Tokyo	24½	11,000*	31*	18*
West Coast	<u>99</u>	<u>37,000</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>104</u>
Total	706½	242,050	878½	776

*Includes Press Scrutiny

**Includes additional material received by airmail.

NOTE: A daily average of 109,350 words were filed to BBC.

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

March 1956

1. Summary


<u>Number of Personnel</u>	<u>American</u>							<u>Native</u>	
	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>In Process</u>	<u>Entered On Duty</u>	<u>Promo- tions</u>	<u>Trans- ferred</u>	<u>Separated</u>	<u>T/O</u> <u>On Duty</u>
Departmental									
U.S. Field									
Foreign Field									
Departmental & Field (Total)									

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Radio Propaganda Branch GS-9	5 March 1956 50X1
	Editorial Branch (Transfer from Perso.)	26 March 1956

3. Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Tokyo Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Tokyo Bureau	26 February 1956
	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Engineering Staff	Secretary (Steno), GS-5 Engineering Staff	26 February 1956
	Librarian, GS-5 Editorial Branch	Librarian, GS-6 Editorial Branch	11 March 1956
	Clerk (Steno), GS-4 Administrative Staff	Secretary (Steno), GS-5 Administrative Staff	11 March 1956
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-11 Radio Propaganda Branch	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	25 March 1956
	Brdcast Monitor(Mono), GS-8 West Coast Bureau	Brdcast Monitor(Mono), GS-9 West Coast Bureau	25 March 1956
	Telegr Typwr Opr, GS-4 West Coast Bureau	Telegr Typwr Opr, GS-5 West Coast Bureau	25 March 1956

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Promotions (Cont.)

	Clerk Typist, GS-3 Editorial Branch	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Editorial Branch	25 March 1956	50X1
	Clerk Typist, GS-3 Editorial Branch	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Editorial Branch	25 March 1956	
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-3 West Coast Bureau	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-4 West Coast Bureau	25 March 1956	

4. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-5 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-5 Field Operations Staff	26 February 1956

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5. Transfers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Recipient Office</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Radio Operator, GS-8 West Coast Bureau	Commo	25 March 1956
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-14 Radio Propaganda Branch	DD/P-RQM	23 March 1956
	Clerk Typist, GS-3 Editorial Branch	ORR	27 March 1956

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6. Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div></div>	Info Sp(For Bdst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	23 March 1956 50X1
	Info Sp(For Bdst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	15 March 1956
	Info Sp(For Bdst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	9 March 1956
	Info Sp(For Bdst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	16 March 1956
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	9 March 1956
	Administrative Asst, GS-7 West Coast Bureau	23 March 1956
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-5 Editorial Branch	30 March 1956
	Info Sp(For Bdst), GS-11 West Coast Bureau	8 March 1956

7. OO Career Service Program

a. ☐ employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership.

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b. Training Activities

<div></div>	Basic Orientation Course 5 - 23 March 1956	Internal 50X1
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OO Career Service Program - Training Activities (Cont.)

<div></div>	Americans Abroad - Germany 26 - 30 March 1956	Internal	50X1
	Administrative Procedures 5 - 9 March 1956	Internal	
	Cryptographic Training 12 - 16 March 1956	Internal	
	Basic Orientation Course 5 - 23 March 1956	Internal	()
	Advanced Shorthand 20 February - 16 March 1956	Internal	
	Intelligence Writing 6 February - 2 March 1956	Internal	
	Effective Writing 10 January - 15 March 1956	Internal	

8. Foreign Travel

<u>Name of Traveler</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date of Departure and Return</u>	
<div></div>	All FBIS Bureaus	21 January - 17 March 1956	()
	All FBIS Bureaus	30 January - 20 March 1956	50X1

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS CONTROL								
CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE	DATE RECEIVED	ACTION DESK	DESCRIPTION	DATE DESIRED	DATE COMPLETED	REMARKS
CR-55-55		IAD, State	2 June	Hd. Br. Field	Activity or movement in Arctic or Antarctic regions	Cont.	15 Mar '56	Sent to field as special target
R-94-55		State	29 Jul	Hd. Br. RFB	Peking & Moscow comment on UN-Chicom meeting	RAP		Daily file to Asst. Johnson, Geneva
R-123-55		OCI	22 Nov	Op. O & L.O.	Coverage of Radio Tetuan for limited time	RAP		To 17th Air Force for action
R-137-56	1E-2122	OCI	31 Jan	RFB	Comparison study of 1952 & 1955-56 All-Union Party Congress & preliminary Party Conferences	RAP		Coordinating Officer - [redacted]
R-141-56	K-4000	RGM/OIS	1 Mar	RFB	Communist reaction to incidents concerning integration problem in IE	8 Mar	8 Mar	50X1
						RAP	16 Mar	50X1
CR-143-56		DD/I	19 Mar	RFB & Hd. Br.	FRID material in support of Agency's Historical Intelligence Collections Program	Cont.		RFB publications supplied; Hd. Br. alerted for incoming material
CR-144-56		OCB	21 Mar	RFB & Hd. Br.	Report on Soviet broadcasts dealing with official Soviet policy on athletics	4 Apr.		[redacted] is the requester
R-145-56		OIS	23 Mar	Hd. Br. BIS	World reaction to Eisenhower's foreign aid message, 19 March 1956	4 Apr.		50X1
R-146-56		OS	15 Mar	RFB	Information on POW William Alfred Caslon	RAP	21 Mar	Contacts, Office of Security
R-147-56		State	26 Mar	RFB	Analysis of Soviet comment on forthcoming Bulganin London visit	RAP		interim reports as necessary
R-148-56		RGM/OIS	27 Mar	RFB	Report of past statements made by world Communist leaders in glorification of Stalin	30 Mar	30 Mar	Final report at end of visit and 300 copies sent to DD/P
R-149-56		SR/P	27 Mar	Hokkaido Kyrenia	Tape recordings of Moscow TASS Dictation, Khabarovsk Regional Press Dictation	RAP		
R-150-56		OCI, OIR	4 Mar	RFB	Card Index of 20th CPSU speeches	RAP		
R-151-56		OO	1 Mar	R				
R-152-56		DD/P	20 Mar	Of				
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